



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Stanly County

Stanly County received more than \$69 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Stanly County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
2,152



Small Business Jobs:
138

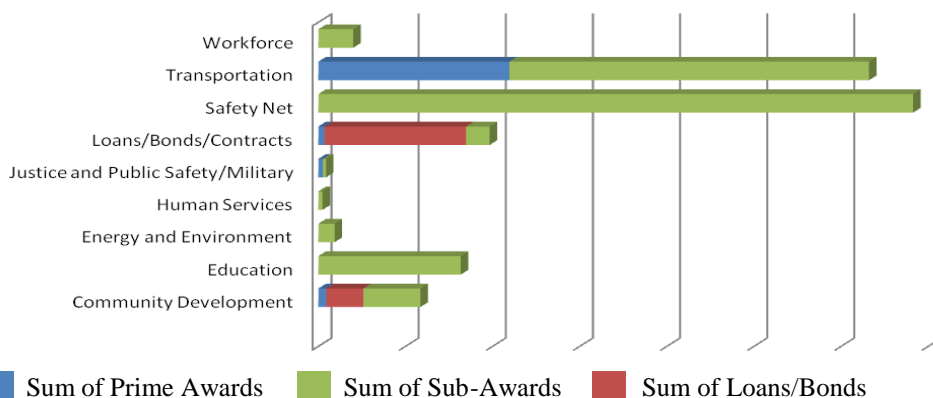


Appliances rebated:
122



Family homes financed:
56

Stanley County Totals



Stanly County,
pop 50,585 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$ 59,176,793.86
Loans: \$ 10,248,052.63

Total: \$69,424,846.49



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Stanly County schools received \$12.5 million in education funding, including \$2 million in Special Education funds, \$1 million in Title I funds, \$5.5 million in SFSF funds, and \$850,000 in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Stanly County, Stanley Community College and Pfeiffer University had 2,152 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$2.5 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Stanly County, 56 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$6.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term

savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Stanly County retailers sold 122 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Businesses Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Stanly County, 18 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$1.3 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 97 jobs. Additionally, the USDA Business and Industry Program provided a loan to Stanley Fixtures worth \$1 million dollars that saved or created 41 jobs.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Stanly County, car dealers sold 30 cars worth \$700,000 through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Stanly County, the Town of Oakboro received a \$171,000 grant to combat drug use, and the City of Albemarle received a JAG program grant of \$94,000 for law enforcement related activities.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Stanly County, the Stanley County Government received a \$200,000 grant for water and sewer improvements.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Stanly County, the Stanly County Government received an EECBG grant of \$78,879 for lighting efficiency improvements, room occupancy sensors and programmable room climate controls. The City of Albemarle received an SEP grant of \$54,137 for retrofitting 124 existing street lights with LED fixtures on East & West Main Street corridors saving the city an estimated \$25,169 in utility costs annually. Preformed Line Products received an SEP grant of \$53,263 for solar systems to be installed at the Preformed Line Products manufacturing facility in Albemarle. Preformed Line Products manufactures solar racking equipment (among other cable and fiber optic equipment) and will demonstrate a variety of racking equipment manufactured by Preformed with the systems installed in this project.



Military Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding

for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

In Stanly County, the Army Corps of Engineers contracted for \$450,000 in improvements to Stanley County wastewater systems.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Stanly County residents received \$27.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$3.5 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$3 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Stanly County Feature Story

The City of Locust Revitalizes Downtown with Recovery Opportunities

The Federal Department of Agriculture's Rural Development's Community Facilities Program helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. The Community Facilities Program provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. Through this program, USDA ensures important facilities are available to all rural residents. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding for this program, giving the green light to many long-awaited and much needed local investments.



"These Recovery Act projects not only provide needed infrastructure in rural communities, they contribute to the Obama administration's continued efforts to create quality jobs," Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the USDA said. "The Recovery Act is working. These projects, and others like them, are contributing to restore the American economy while improving the quality of life in towns and small cities throughout the country."

Community Facilities grant and loans are used to fund a wide array of uses. The City of Locust, in Stanley County, took advantage of the historic opportunity presented in the Recovery Act's increase of funding to secure low-interest loans to build new additions onto a new Government Center, and to finalize the long-planned Town Center.

The City of Locust was established mid 19th century. Located just 12 miles from Charlotte's outer belt and at the crossroads of Concord, Albemarle and Monroe, the City of Locust is a well traveled destination and is positioned for growth and opportunity. The City of Locust has been aggressive in revitalizing the town center as a thriving, mixed use development. Initial planning for this project dates back to the mid 1990's, and final designs were completed in 2004.

The City Center project has been underway since 2006, and the first construction was completed in 2010.



The historic opportunity presented by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act jumpstarted the construction of the public additions to the City Center. In late April 2010, Locust was awarded a Recovery-funded USDA Community Facilities low-interest loan of \$2,100,000 to help build the new 12,000 square foot Government Center, soon home to the

new public library, police department, city council chambers, community meeting spaces and all municipal services.

The Recovery-funded Government Center is in three portions. The left portion is a brick 8,000 square foot, two-story City Hall/Administration and will house the City Hall, including the Mayor, City Administrator and Police Department. The center curvilinear section is a 1,500 square foot Community Room and will host City Council and other public meetings and seats approximately 100. The right section is a stucco 3,100 square foot two-story Public Library and will offer an extensive collection of books, audio-visual materials, and comfortable reading areas throughout as well as Wi-Fi.



Construction on the Government Center has been underway since the beginning of 2011. The grand opening of the facility has been set for fall 2011.

Appendix, Stanly County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$126,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Pfeiffer University	P				
		Stanly Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$6,784,502.63	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Stanly, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$155,822.15	\$0.00	
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	ARRA - Immunization	Albemarle Regional Health Services	S	\$0.00	\$62,943.00	\$0.00	
		Stanly, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$26,048.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Business and Industry Loans	Various	L		\$1,000,000.00		
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$3,496,959.56		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Stanly, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$78,879.00	\$0.00	
	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Albemarle Motors	SV	\$0.00	\$28,400.00	\$0.00	
				\$0.00	\$28,400.00	\$0.00	
		Albemarle Truck	SV	\$0.00	\$25,500.00	\$0.00	
				\$0.00	\$25,500.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Albemarle Commisson	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Albemarle, City Of	P	\$458,477.00		\$0.00	\$458,477.00

Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant Program	Oakboro, Town Of	P	\$171,510.00		\$0.00	\$171,510.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Albemarle, City Of	P	\$94,192.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$27,493,414.90		
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Stanly, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$196,818.00	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Albemarle, City Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$225,000.00
		Blythe Development Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,308,179.48
		Boggs Paving, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,863,011.86
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$249,636.18
		Country Boy Landscaping, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$81,828.80
		Dane Construction, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$897,270.19
		Ingle And Son Landscaping	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$26,957.54
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$85,580.00		\$0.00	\$85,580.00
				\$3,020,655.00		\$0.00	\$3,020,655.00
				\$2,709.00		\$0.00	\$2,709.00
				\$4,209,737.00		\$0.00	\$4,209,737.00
				\$1,919,233.00		\$0.00	\$1,919,233.00
				\$35,000.00		\$0.00	\$35,000.00
				\$50,000.00		\$0.00	\$50,000.00
				\$281,777.00		\$0.00	\$56,777.00
				\$1,041,814.00		\$0.00	\$1,041,814.00
				\$313,772.00		\$0.00	\$313,772.00
		PB Americas, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,587.08
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$24,579.71

		Pedulla Trucking, Excavating And Paving, Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		R.E. Burns & Sons Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,634,573.05
		Taylor's Landscaping Service	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$41,428.00
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Albemarle Regional Health Services	S	\$0.00	\$311,620.00	\$0.00	
		Stanly, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$246,836.00	\$0.00	
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$22,723.99
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Albemarle, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$54,137.00	\$0.00	
		Stanly Community College Foundation, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$181,574.00	\$0.00	
		Stanly County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$164,428.00	\$0.00	
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Stanly County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$32,459.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Gray Stone Educational Foundation, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$172,100.00	\$0.00	
		Stanly Community College Foundation, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$583,167.37	\$0.00	
		Stanly County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$5,078,045.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Stanly County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$858,117.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Stanly County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,240,036.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and	Special Education -	Albemarle Regional Health	S	\$0.00	\$136,664.00	\$0.00	

Rehabilitative Services	Grants for Infants and Families, Recovery Act	Services				
	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Stanly County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$76,657.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Gray Stone Educational Foundation, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$52,799.00	\$0.00
		Stanly County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,948,569.00	\$0.00
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Locust, City Of	P	\$0.00		\$2,118,450.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	ABC First Aid And Safety, Inc	L			\$15,000.00
		Colonial Animal Hospital, P.C.	L			\$25,000.00
		Dreamworks Custom Cabinets	L			\$140,000.00
		East Albemarle Towing Inc	L			\$177,000.00
		Harmancos Family Restaurant &	L			\$18,000.00
		Hatley Plumbing Services LLC	L			\$12,500.00
		Huneycutt Law PLLC	L			\$50,000.00
		Lawnsmith	L			\$53,900.00
		Lucky Cleaners	L			\$150,000.00
		MB Almond Masonry	L			\$24,500.00
		Morningstar Cnc Applications E	L			\$100,000.00
		New Finish Inc	L			\$200,000.00
		Off The Square Llc	L			\$112,000.00
		Passerina Cyanea, LLC	L			\$25,000.00
		Smith's Office Deli's	L			\$20,000.00
		Sylvan Learning Center	L			\$49,700.00
		The Daco Group LLC	L			\$12,500.00
		Whitley Masonry Inc	L			\$160,000.00
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$3,146,000.00	
U.S. Army Corps	No CFDA for	David Miller &	P	\$22,690.00		\$0.00
						\$22,690.00

of Engineers - civil program financing only	Contract type awards	Associates, Inc.					
		HDR	P	\$294,938.50		\$0.00	\$181,250.50
		Engineering, Inc.					
		R. Joe Harris & Associates, Llc	S	\$0.00	\$73,280.00	\$0.00	
		SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc.	P	\$33,128.38		\$0.00	\$33,128.38
		Shield	S	\$0.00	\$40,408.00	\$0.00	
		Engineering, Inc.					
USACE							
Grand Total				\$12,035,212.88	\$47,141,580.98	\$10,248,052.63	\$23,097,558.76

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.